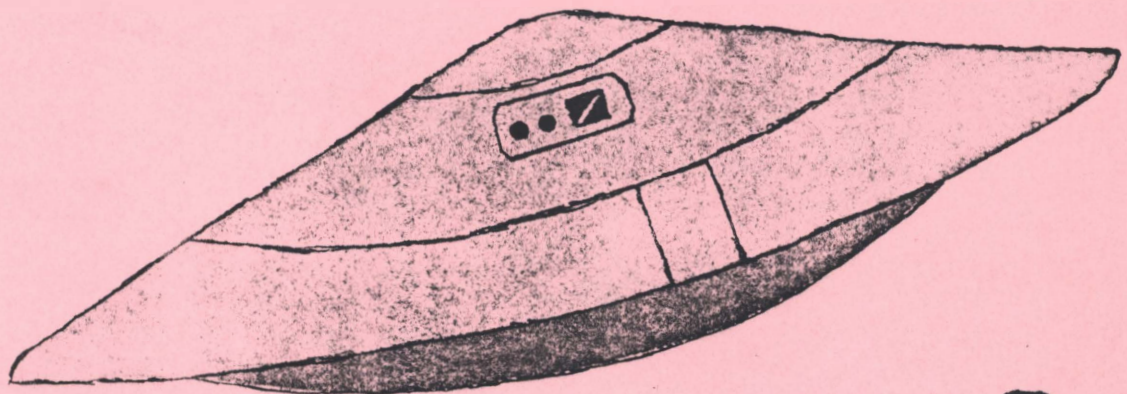


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♥ Editorial

An exciting time in the skies is with us - but good news and bad news. Halley's comet which we hoped would light up the heavens over Britain in November and December proved to be a "damp squib" or rather, no squib at all, let us hope the return path visible in the southern hemisphere from March to May will be rather more impressive.

Great rejoicing was to behold NASA when superb pictures of URANUS and its attendant moons were transmitted by the Voyager probe during January. Once again the photographs showed how limited our knowledge of this remote planet was - no less than 15 moons were seen instead of the known 5 and the delicate ring system of which little was recorded was shown to have up to 20 components. One moon appeared to have a large "carbuncle" and another a network of 'canals' similar to Mars. If the probe can discover such wonders as these, what else can there be in the darker areas of space away from the main plane of planetary orbits? Sadly, NASA's joy was wiped out just a few days later when the space shuttle exploded in full view of millions of onlookers on the ground or watching on television. The point must be made that Man's attempts to enter space are still at a very naive stage of development, using many tons of highly explosive fuel to overcome gravity when UFOs' are seen to move in any upward, downward or sideways motion with no visible signs of propulsion.

Once again it is time for renewal of subscriptions and a very, very, desperate appeal from the treasurer as there are ZERO funds available in our bank account. Just £4.95 is the Annual Subscription - but please send more if you can afford it. Around £200 is needed within the next month to remain solvent, so please forward your cheque as soon as possible.

Data Research has been looking for new contacts in overseas countries and have heard from a group in Finland "UFO Research of Finland". See "Letters to the Editor" for details of the group and a recent UFO case they have on file.

The organisation received lots of exciting literature from the El-Legions who took London by storm last Autumn. This handsome couple - space people of the noblest order - but choosing to live in the USA here on Earth, showed how to create an incredible PR miracle inside a few short weeks! They received a full page article in the Sunday press and appeared on the television programme "Open to Question" in front of a sceptical schoolchildren audience. Mr. El-Legion., a John McEnroe look-a-like, spouted forth at such speed that one had to believe his message! His wife, Aurora, demonstrated some preposterous revelation of the body "aura" using a full glass of water with outstretched arm. Whether the pair generated any business with their private consultations on the inner psyche at £45.00 per session is not known, but some of their flair could be invaluable in the CONTACT organisation!

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THE EDITOR

☺ UFOs Over North Wales

Margaret-Ellen Fry

I have only been the Investigator for Contact International (UK) in Wales for two years now, but my daughter moved up here seven years ago and some of these reports came my way during holidays I spent with her.

Everybody in these mountain villages knows each other or of each others, so most people knew before I settled here that I was Belinda's Mum and a UFO Investigator so people have chatted to me about the subject in various Pubs of an evening.

So let me make my stand quite clear on my beliefs on the subject. I do not have to prove when people are telling me they've seen or experienced the seemingly impossible - I know they have, because I have too, on at least forty occasions with relatives, friends, neighbours, or total strangers, and only on two occasions entirely on my own. Our founder Brinsley Le Pour Trench, Earl Clancarty put it very well in one of his books - "An invisible area interpenetrating our Planet, UFOs appear to materialize and dematerialize pointing to the possibility that they emerge into our plane of existence from another order of matter. It is possible that UFO entities manipulate a good deal of psychic phenomena". Then again my friend and co-investigator in South Africa - Ray Martin, put this so much better than I could. "In respect of the psychic we stand at the very edge of a vast uncharted ocean, full of dangers, mirages and with no known parameters, whilst I do not advocate that we turn our backs upon it, I do most strongly advise that we learn to swim before plunging in out of our depth; and I say this with particular regard to UFO phenomena".

Another Matter? Time distortion? Dimension distortion? a number of the hundreds of people I have interviewed over the years, and I myself have experienced and been completely baffled by this. But that this phenomena does enter our Reality and interlock, so that people genuinely see and experience encounters with Ufos that are solid objects, and beings that are also composed of solid matter the same as ourselves, and that these come from Outer Space, I am positive about. I have listened to John Rimmer and other fellow Ufologists expound their theories of Birth trauma recall, extreme views on the extension of one's psychic etc, and I have no patience with them. To my mind the simple straight-forward people who give me UFO reports, unembroidered and unexaggerated - for indeed the reality is so staggering, it requires no embellishment on our part - are far more practical and clear thinking than 'Ufologists' who spend their years trying to neurotically boost their own importance, rather than accept the fact that we human beings are just a very small, insignificant part of a vast, vast Universe peopled by Intelligent beings and Intelligences.

In 1978/79 in North Wales as in Kent where I previously investigated, there were a spate of UFO sightings and these were reported in the local newspapers. One day I promise myself I will go down to Wrexham Reference Library to browse through them. One of the first people I talked to was Keith Jones who then worked at Brookhouse Mill Restaurant, 1 mile south of Denbigh on the A525 to Ruthin in the Valley of Clwyd. On the 26th January 1979 he had had a Close Encounter with a UFO, which was featured by Janet and Colin Bord FSR Vol. 25, No.2 1979. I was told at the same time there had been several reports in the North Wales Weekly of UFO's being seen. Two young Civil Servants in our area had about the same time, early one morning on their way to work at Abergele, Clwyd, seen a landed UFO in a field beside the main road. There was always somebody,

who knew somebody, who had not just seen a UFO in the sky, but landed crafts in the fields of the North Wales area.

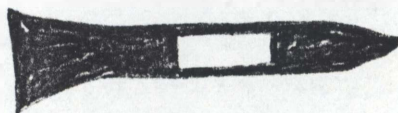
Apart from Scotland, the Pennines and Yorkshire Moors, North Wales is one of the few remaining areas in Great Britain that are still remote, wild and beautiful, unspoilt by man. Villages are small, isolated and far between, public transport is non-existent, so they remain so. It is not surprising UFOs do land here.



About the time it occurred in the Summer of 1979, I was taken to the 'Sportsman Arms' at 1573 ft. above sea level, the highest Pub in Wales, set in isolated splendour on the wild Denbigh Moors. The Brenig Reservoir and mile upon mile of pine forest are near by. The B 4501 passes on high ground above all this spectacular scenery. Mr. Bruce Mee and Mrs Mee, Publicans of the Sportsman Arms were returning home along this road from Denbigh, when they saw a Bee-hive shaped craft hovering over the pine trees below them. It appeared bright white, with a central light, they also thought there was a slight rotatory movement. It did not reflect or radiate light. When they went into the Pub it was still there, thereafter Mr. Mee went out every so often with some customers to watch this object. They did not see it leave. It was directly over the pine forest by the Brenig, and therefore below them, so a very rare UFO sighting.

In between serving customers, the Pub is a very popular one, Mr. Mee told me he had been a pilot in the Air Force, and that he was not the only person to see UFOs in the area. A fellow Publican friend, with a remotely situated Pub had had one land by it and was similar in shape to what they had seen. He would ask his friend to give a written report. This never materialised. When Mr. Mee finally filled in the Report form I gave him, he said none of what he told me verbally and it was brief to a point of no consequence.

As public transport is almost non-existent here, the Clwyd Education Authorities hire private contractors to collect village and farmhouse children taking them to and from their homes to school. Mr. Roberts of Llansannan ran one of these school contracts. He was on the Denbigh Road A 525 with a load of two teenage girls Lynda and Heather Ledsham and younger Mark Carhill in the summer of 1979 at 3.30 p.m., when by Singrug Farm, they saw some Land Rovers beside the road, and Farmers standing by their vehicles watching something in the sky. Mr. Roberts stopped the Taxi and they all got out and also watched over $\frac{1}{2}$ hour two low flying solid Metallic objects, bullet shaped, black and white, which lazily chased each other, as though they were playing tag, before finally and not too fast took off into the sky. It was a clear, sunny, warm dry day. Some of the Witnesses rang R.A.F. Anglesey and they said it was nothing to do with them. The estimated size of the Objects was 40ft by 10-15ft high.



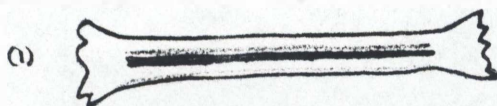
It should be noted this is a target practice and radar evasion area for RAF Anglesey, so all the Farmers are only too aware of proto-type warheads flying too low over these mountains and fields, frightening their cattle. Repeated representations about pilots who fly below the regulation 200 ft off the ground, seem to produce no effect. The local newspapers often have letters protesting about this.

So far from being unobservant of things in the sky, people here are very much aware of everything in the sky. Also, there being no industry to pollute the atmosphere, the stars and shooting stars etc. are far brighter and more visible.

By October 1983 I was negotiating for a house in Llangernyw village and was staying periodically with my daughter and family in their isolate Farmhouse 'WERN' outside Llansannan village and near the Denbigh Moors. One night I was sleeping rather uncomfortably with the youngest of my three granddaughters in their upstairs bedroom. I awoke because I was uncomfortable and got out of bed, going to the window and marvelling at the total darkness and stillness after life in the busy suburbs of Southern England. Suddenly the whole of the wall opposite lit up with an eerie light. The Farmhouse is cross shaped. I put my head right out of the window, but there was absolutely nothing - no lightning, or anything to account for this strange light which lasted about two minutes. The rest was all totally dark. This occurred possibly at the close of October 1983.

Between the 9th and 17th November 1983 I was again with my daughter's family, sleeping downstairs this time on the put-you-up sofa in the dining room. There are no houses at all nearby to reflect light, so at night it does get pitch-dark. I consequently woke about 5 a.m. to a bright light reflecting through the small 17th century window. My 10 year old grand-daughter Kerry-Ellen was sleeping with me. I got up out of bed and went to the window. Farmer Jones has a large barn on the edge of his field a definitely defined aura of light in the shape of a Christmas cracker round it. This would then run down to a bright golden/silver blot, then elongate again and so on. I awoke Kerry-Ellen. She is a sensible little girl and said "Come on Nan, lets check it in the courtyard, otherwise my Dad is going to say its a reflection of light from somewhere, you know what he's like". So I put on my dressing gown and we went out into the cold morning. We checked the porch light, it was off. The three dogs (who are fierce guard dogs and bite) and three cats all lay asleep about the Yard - as we watched this object, which was only yards from us. Sometimes we watched from the Yard and at others from the window, as it got too cold to stay outside. At 7.30 a.m. it yet again became a Blot of Light which went up rapidly into the sky. From a distance it looked like an extra bright star.

Predictably, my sceptical son-in-law decided an upstairs bedroom light had been on. Regardless of the fact that no lights had been on, we had checked this and the porch light, which is occasionally forgotten. The following night about the same time we were awoken by the light and watched again from the window, feeling slightly uneasy about going outside this time. Kerry-Ellen remembered she'd promised to awaken Jayne, her eldest sister, so she crept upstairs. By the time Jayne came down the Object had gone.



Since settling in North Wales I have been giving Talks and showing Slides of UFOs all over the area to people in Village Halls and Libraries. I always get between 5/7 people afterwards telling me they have seen UFOs. Obviously all I can do at the time, is have a brief discussion, give them report forms and hope they will contact me again. Disappointingly, the return is poor, people are willing to talk, but not produce anything that is official.

One person did send a report in for the Winter of 1984 (and predictably as it was not sent by recorded delivery, I did not receive it). Mr. Ron Williams (1) of Colwyn Bay was returning late at night in his car along the coastal road, the A 550. This road runs right by the sea in parts and Mr. Williams saw a HUGE cigar craft, just over the water, well lit up, with different coloured lights. From Flint to Holywell the Craft followed just over the sea at a leisurely pace. Ron Williams was quite unnerved, as this went on for several miles. A Mr. Ielan Williams (2) also of Colwyn Bay (unrelated, and unknown to each other) gave a very similar report for December 1978. The same shaped craft, size and in the same area.

A Miss Janet Tate gave me a similar account, but failed to return the Report Form, although in this case, it did not go astray, as a Mrs. Fletcher of Rhos-on-Sea who organised my talk, tried to get Miss Tate, who is a teacher at Conway to respond.

Again for the winter of 1984 a Miss Jennifer Edney of Pensarn, Abergele, Clwyd gave me a good report of a close sighting. She had been taking her elderly dog 'Tessa' for a walk that afternoon, which was a dull windy day. They went over the bridge by Pensarn Railway Station, to the Abergele Beach. On returning she was attracted by a light over a small Industrial area by the railway lines. Looking over the bridge, she saw a large (estimated about 70ft) craft "hovering over the Industrial buildings, large, visible to anyone, everything was quiet" she said.

Numbers of people retire, from Merseyside in this area, mostly in the coastal towns, so that I have had a fair number of reports of UFOs from English people, seen in the Liverpool area or the Wirral, years previously. At the time of the Llangernyw landings a lady from Pensarn (a coastal suburb of Abergele) told me she had definitely seen a red-coloured UFO hovering over the sea, several nights running. Her husband, an ex-Army officer contradicted her, and said it must have been a star. She was really indignant and said she knew what stars looked like and this definitely wasn't. It was seen at Kimmel Bay, the first week of April 1984.

An Army man and his wife Mr. and Mrs. D. Hawkeswood now working in Asda Super-Market at Towyn Bay, told me how a few years before they had been posted by Salisbury Plain in 1980 had seen UFOs so frequently there, that the Army Authorities told them not to report them any more, they weren't interested!

About 12.00 midnight on Saturday the night of 14th April 1984, I awoke to find a Police panda lights flashing around my bedroom. Going to the window, I watched quite awhile Police comings and goings from the Police Station opposite my bungalow. Then I went to bed again. Only to be rudely awakened at 6.26 a.m. by an unearthly racket over our roof. A huge yellow Army helicopter just about skimmed our roof and almost landed in the road in front. As it hovered there, an Army man jumped out and ran into the Police Station. The helicopter then skimmed the houses opposite and landed in the Village school grounds. From here

it journeyed to and fro to the Gwytherin area (a nearby hamlet) over fields and mountains, making an awful noise, which woke the entire village. By 7 a.m. people were in little knots talking on the pavements, and I dressed and joined them. During this time 2 large Army trucks pulled up in our village and disgorged between 11/16 young soldiers, with packs and equipment on their backs who fanned out into the fields in the valley below us. All these activities went on till mid-day. What had happened I asked. "OH, Mrs. Fry, fancy you asking - and you the UFO investigator for Wales" they joked. It seemed that just about half our village (pop. 460) had seen two orange balls of light slowly pass over the valley and river below us - from the Holland Arms Pub direction on the Colwyn Bay road. These had flown towards Gwytherin district hills I went to our Greek newsagent in his little newspaper kiosk. Could he give me the phone numbers of any farmers in the vicinity? He did, at least 10/11 and directed me to Mr. T. of the DHSS standing talking on the pavement. Yes, said Tony DHSS (we are all known here by our houses or occupations, as there are too many Jones, Williams, Parrys etc.,) he had seen two orange balls as he was getting something from his car by his house, which is near the Holland Arms. It was misty, but they appeared to be travelling towards Gwytherin. He was a bit reticent, being too conscious of his job at DHSS Rhyl. to want to say much. After talking to the various village people who had apparently all seen no more than each other, two orange balls of bright light travelling slowly and low in the sky towards Gwytherin, I went indoors and started ringing round.

Yes, said the farmers - Williams, Jones, Price etc., they had been out in the fields lambing, and they had seen the two orange balls of light travel slowly over, going down towards Ty-felin-isaf, Ty-y-caeau, Hafod, Wern, Tyn-y-ddol..... depending on the positions of their farms, but they all agreed - also Cwn Canol. I explained about our UFO organisations, and asked if they would give me reports? "Well, now you see Mrs. Fry, its the lambing you see, I do not have the time" was the general reaction. As it was Sunday morning, I again went out to join people as they streamed out of the three Chapels in our small village. As it is normally quiet here, everyone was excited by the Army and Police comings and goings. Everybody was talking about what they had seen the night before, all agreed Mr. Keffin Jones and Mr. DG. Williams had been the nearest to the UFO. The Army made no attempt to ask people any questions, but some people asked them what they were doing, and was told they had had an Army exercise and were looking for flares. The people who asked this said "how was that, as there had been no Army planes flying that night (they rarely do at night) and the first helicopter to arrive, had done at 6.26 a.m." there was no response or reply to this.

Finally I was introduced to David G. Williams, he was a sociable pleasant young man, liked and respected in the area. He cordially invited me to his Farm and said that he would be happy to give me a written report, as this strange and frightening thing had passed a few yards from him. Mrs. Olwen Evans too, who is acquainted with me through W.I. activities, invited me over to her farm and said she would come over to my house that evening to fill in my report.

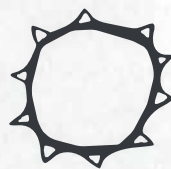
Accordingly, this was what Mrs. Evans said and wrote- Her 14 year old son Emyr and she had been attending the sheep in their fields. They returned to the house at 11.40 p.m. when she happened to look out of the window and saw this great purple fluorescent light. She told her son and they watched it letting off showers of white lights. They have a very large kitchen, with two sets of picture windows, this filled the whole area of the windows. Then it exploded outwards, the purple light faded and in its place was a solid shining white craft, saucer shaped, which descended slowly to the fields of Mr. Cecil Williams, she thought. Her husband was relaxing after working hard, by watching television, and

they were too astonished to call him. It was very quiet outside, the dogs, all Welsh collies - did not bark. Apart from this, there was nothing else in the sky, planes or helicopters. Their farm is 800ft + above sea level. Cwm Canol is a fair bit lower.



When I went to Mrs. Evans farm, the area she thought the UFO had landed, was obscured by low hawthorn and trees dividing the various fields, with mountain streams and the River Cledwen to the right. Therefore the area was totally inaccessible. Emyr was interested in Space Craft, as any schoolboy is. Mrs. Evans has no interest whatsoever. She has a glorious Welsh voice, sings in the Church choir and is interested in her Church activities, cooking, farming and W.I. The usual activities of a typical Welsh farmer's wife. They lead busy lives.

David G. Williams too, is a fervent Church goer, he has a lot of friends and his sole interest is farming. He and his 14 year old son manage their farm on their own. They had been visiting and returned home late. Mrs. Williams and the two children had gone into the house. Mr. Williams returned to the Land Rover to get coats out of the car. As he was returning to the house, he saw this huge Orange/Pink ball descending to his field above and glide slowly up the hill, there is a boundary between the field round Dolwen Bach and the higher field of barbed wire and small hawthorn trees at intervals, he rushed up the field and by the time he reached the wooden sty, the object had started going down the field and then took off slowly and curved in a descending arc to the fields below. He thought this could have been Tyfelin-isaf or Tyn-y-ddol. It was rather dark and hawthorns and trees obscured the view of landing site. Both Mrs. Evans and Mr. Williams said they had thought the object blanked out on landing. Judging by the locality, I doubt if they were both seeing the same object. It seems that they both saw only one of the two objects landing more or less at exactly the same time.



In the morning Mr. David G. Williams telephoned his neighbour Mr. Emllyn Jones and asked what the Army men were doing in his fields, he was told they were looking for something, but did not know what. They then came to his farm and asked where he had seen this object? They told him Venture Scouts staying at Cwm Canol had seen and reported two objects. From this David Williams was able to pin-point the field the UFO he saw had landed in, which was not far from him. His dogs, had not barked, and there was nothing wrong with the sheep in the same fields as the object went. Everything was very quiet as usual and there was nothing (apart from this object) -that he saw in the sky. Mr. Williams' fields are on considerably higher ground than Mr. Evans'.

Mr. Keffin-Jones who owns a farm, Bont-garreg, on the Cwm Canol side of the Gwytherin/Llansannan road, (Clwyd) had been on a Saturday night outing to Llansannan and was returning about midnight walking on this road when he saw the two UFO's landing. Unfortunately, he has a long standing and well known feud

with his brother who jointly owns the farm, so telephone messages have proved futile, I think my only hope is catching him in the right Pub at the right time!

Pubs are used as social gathering places here, children can come in and have a meal and in the off-tourist season we play whist, or it being Wales, everyone gathers and sings. People do not go in with a view to drinking more than a glass or two of anything. There is a lot of unemployment in this area, and they do not have the money.

Nine Venture Scouts and their leader Mr. Hardwick, all from Derbyshire/Staffordshire area on a camping holiday at Cwm Canol, were also on an outing to Llanfannan and were returning to base, when they saw the UFOs land. They immediately phoned the Police. I did ask our village policeman Mr. Price, what the Police had seen, he replied that he had seen nothing, but had been kept awake all night! Exactly what the Venture Scouts had seen I am still trying to find out.

On the 5th July 1984 about 11 a.m. a Mr. Preston of the Bookworm, Gartheuyn near Llanfair Clwyd, was at his large and lovely octagonal house on high ground overlooking the Elwy Valley, with glorious views. Mr. Preston is a retired newspaper reporter for the Times. He had gone into his porch to put out the empty milk-bottles, when his attention was caught by a bullet shaped craft "salmon-pink, like a shrimp!" It was quite stationary, just over an old oak tree. This would have made it directly over some farm houses, on a hillside opposite the village of Llanfair T.H. The Object was quite still for 25 minutes, then went up very slowly into the sky, as it was, horizontally. The sky was clear and it was a sunny hot day. Mr. Preston who has lead a very adventurous life and also been an air-pilot, immediately rang the local newspaper, The Visitor. He had hoped thereby to contact anyone else who had seen the object. No-one responded, but this did not mean to say nobody else had seen the UFO. This is agricultural land, and Welsh people are pretty independent and insular, they don't like anything that smacks of officialdom.

On the 19th July, Thursday at about 8 a.m. a very severe Earthquake 5.5 on the Richter Scale rocked Gwynedd/Clwyd, the core being Port Madog. Llangernyw district received some damage, including my bungalow, which had a large crack in the hall and two in the living-room.

On 11th November, I will be giving yet another Talk on UFOs and show my slides at Abergele, Clwyd Library - hopefully this will bring in any reports for 1985!

Mrs. M.E. FRY. Fry's Croft, Parc Aelas, Llangernyw. LL22 8PJ. Clwyd,
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♥ Return of Itsamna!

(In response to the article by Michael Soper, Awareness Vol.13 No.4, "On the Ufonauts and the Skygod", two of our regular contributors - Bernard Delair and Brian Burden - have forwarded additional information on the subjects raised and

we are pleased to publish their accounts below - EDITOR)

ECHOES OF UFONAUTS, SKY-GODS, OR EARLY LOST CIVILIZATION?

by J.B. Delair.

Michael Soper's article "On the Ufonauts and the Skygod" (p. 22-25 in vol. 13 No. 4 (1984-5) of 'AWARENESS') raises several points regarding early god-like benefactors only recently identified in some circles as ufonauts, but long regarded among primitive peoples as either sky-gods or great religious teachers of the ancient past. Some clarification of this subject is required if erroneous conclusions are not to be inadvertently reached, and these notes are designed with that object in view.

These notes, however, are not so much concerned with the reported conversation between one Donald Shawcross and an alleged ufonaut, as Soper's and Shawcross's apparent identification of the ITSAMMA of that conversation with the beneficent culture-hero ITZAMNA of the early inhabitants of Yucatan in southern Mexico.

Firstly, do we certainly know that Shawcross automatically spelt the name ITSAMMA that way in his mind on first hearing it from his alleged ufonaut informant? Did that informant spell the name he allegedly gave to Shawcross that way also? Or in the way that Shawcross heard it pronounced (or thought he heard it pronounced)? Soper informs us that Shawcross only later found a name (ITZAMNA) resembling his ITSAMMA after searching through mythological lore. The differences --- sometimes wide --- between spoken and written word spellings are well known and need not be elaborated upon here. Thus, the ufonaut's alleged pronunciation (or the way in which Shawcross reportedly heard it) could have been of a name actually spelt ITSAHMAN, ITSARMA, ITSAMAR etc., We shall probably never know which, if any of these otherwise similar-sounding names may originally have been meant. Pursuance of this particular possibility is, however, fruitless and we should do no more here than note the frail nature of the supposed identification of ITSAMMA with ITZAMNA. Certainly, to argue that the two names refer to one and the same entity is not only premature but very possibly completely spurious.

Secondly, the recorded character and activities of the ancient Mexican ITZAMNA also reveals that he was more than just one of "three religious teachers" active in the world about the time of Christ --- QUETZALCOATL and CHRIST being the two others named (Soper: p.24). As we shall see, this is a gross over-simplification of the available material and is also demonstrably wrong. ITZAMNA's full name, by the way, was ITZAMNA CANIL.

Soper correctly states that ITZAMNA reportedly introduced a great range of useful plants and knowledge among the primitive peoples he visited, but the era in which he, and many similar beneficent personages, did this far antedated the time of CHRIST. All these culture-heroes, as they have come to be called, functioned in the days and months immediately following the Noachian Deluge, a worldwide event now known to have occurred approximately 11,500 years ago, or some 9,500 years before the birth of CHRIST, and which all but wiped out early humanity. A detailed study of this major event in early world history is to be published shortly, and will deal more fully with many of the items referred to here. In company with other well known ancient Amerindian and Polynesian culture-heroes-- for example QUETZALCOATL, VOTAN, KUKULKAN, KANE, CON TICCI etc., ---ITZAMNA travelled both by land, sea, via underground tunnels, and by air! It is the "air" or sky connections of ITZAMNA and his colleagues that have led mythographers

and anthropologists to style these benefactors sky-gods or the cloud-people in accordance with the names given them by numerous tribes and nations worldwide who, being grateful for the assistance received from the culture-heroes in those parlous post-diluvian days, elevated them to the status of gods or heroes. But if we also examine the surviving fragmentary legends and traditions alluding to times and events preceding the onset of the Deluge we shall find these very same culture-heroes (appearing in many instances under different names) using a great range of extraordinary mechanical devices, including, it appears, various forms of aerial transport. Conventional histories do not admit of this data. Nevertheless, worldwide traditions repeatedly allude to these contraptions (whatever they were), and there can be little real doubt that some kind of aerial transport had been invented in those far off times.

More than 200 distinct names and titles of otherwise virtually identical culture-heroes like ITZAMNA have been preserved among various nations around the world. All of them assert that they were active immediately following the Deluge and many of them also crop up in fragmentary traditions clearly describing events predating that terrible event. Are these precious clues to a long vanished early civilization which, perhaps arising indigenously on Earth in antediluvian times, largely perished in the Deluge, and that links (real or imagined) between them and sky-dwelling gods or ufonauts, are purely imaginary?

The fact, as epitomised in world tradition, that all these culture-heroes were uniformly active shortly after the recession of the Deluge waters must itself be a significant point, as, on the evidence of their reported endeavours, all appear to have been engaged in some kind of concerted worldwide rescue operation. Only on a worldwide Deluge could have engendered such a situation and given rise to such a requirement. And then, only some race possessing aerial transport of some description could have attempted such a programme in view of the widely devastated and often impassable terrain left by the ravages of the Deluge. Clearly any such rescue programme would need to be implemented speedily. To attempt it solely on foot or by boats would have ensured its failure in at least numerous places, for it would simply not have been possible to encompass sufficiently large tracts of land to have allowed even a modicum of success. And yet all these culture-heroes --- who are known among nations as far sundered as the Laplanders, the Australian aborigines, the Paraguayan tribes and those of Tanzania, the Philippines and Morocco, to mention only a handful --- are consistently reported to have toiled in the same period of early human history. Their possession of amazingly wide-ranging knowledge and technological expertise, medical prowess, and social order, reveals them to have been highly civilized. Such beings (whoever they were) might, almost inevitably, have developed aerial transport of some kind (as indeed hundreds of traditions scattered worldwide repeatedly inform us); so, when viewed collectively, these mysterious benefactors of a decimated humanity exhibit a very remarkable and consistent facade.

Ancient mankind also consistently regarded these benefactors, of whom ITZAMNA was typical, as more or less human, and yet, in some way, slightly superior to men generally. Was this because they were an elite race of knowledgeable antediluvian men who had independently discovered and invented many things --- to less advanced races magical and incomprehensible --- and who were elevated to the ranks of heroes, supermen, and divine beings by less knowledgeable contemporaries or were they genuinely ancient astronauts as espoused by writers like Von Daniken, Colosimo, etc.,? Or were they early ufonauts who, as some have urged, once established bases on Earth and assisted primitive Man both before and after the Deluge catastrophe which drove this mysterious race from their terrestrial home?

We shall probably never know the answers to these questions, but must not at this stage of our knowledge about man's past make the mistake of jumping to conclusions on the basis of facile or superficial similarities between material which may eventually prove to have totally dissimilar origins.

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THE DONALD SHAWCROSS CASE AND "UNDER THE KNIFE"

Brian J. Burden.

Introducing his article On the Ufonauts and the Skygod (Awareness 4 1985) Michael Soper writes: "Occasionally one comes across a case which has resonances and echoes that make (it) archetypal..." He then proceeds to describe the experience of an American called Donald Shawcross.

In most respects, Donald's contact experience was a routine encounter. Just two features attract special attention: first, the spaceman was holding a thick metal rod about a yard long which he carried at a slanting angle. The function of this rod is never explained, and as we shall see, its significance may have been purely symbolic. Secondly, the spaceman seems to have been playing the obscure mythology fame first noted by ufologist John A. Keel. "Seek Itsamma," it instructs the earthman. Itzamna, notes Michael Soper, was a Mayan god, and he suggests that the qualities associated with Itzamna explain the message which the spaceman was seeking to impart.

The cynic might point out that Donald Shawcross was not an anthropologist and that a plain statement from the spaceman might have saved him (Shawcross) a good deal of unnecessary research. Contrariwise, the search for meaning exercises the mind and is, in itself, a form of meditation. In addition, there are interesting ramifications to Shawcross's experience of which, to my knowledge, neither he nor Michael Soper are aware.

Shawcross met his spaceman on March 22, 1982. H.G. Well's story UNDER THE KNIFE was published in January 1896 - nearly ninety years earlier. It concerns a man who undergoes serious surgery. At the beginning of the story we find him in a negative and demoralised state, indifferent to whether or not he comes through his ordeal alive and fairly convinced that the operation will kill him.

Writing of Itzamna, Micheal Soper tells us that he "was the son of the most remote and ineffable deity Hunab-ku ('The Great Hand').... He introduced herbs and healing.... He was definitely a sky God, archetypal and timeless." Now back to H.G. Wells.

Hardly had the chloroform been administered than the patient experiences what, these days, is called an OOBE: he finds himself floating above the operating table watching the surgeons at work on his own body. Suddenly, a surgeon accidentally cuts a vein and as he and his colleagues scramble to repair the damage the patient finds himself flying rapidly upwards; he sees a panorama of London; at length he sees the earth as a distinct globe; he passes through and out of the solar system into the "outer universe". Eventually this too is left behind and he is alone in the "wilderness of space" and still travelling: "Soon the little universe of matter... was dwindling, now to a whirling disc of luminous glittering, and now to one minute disc of hazy light. In a little while it would shrink to a point, and at last would vanish altogether."

And then, around that tiny dot which is the universe, the patient becomes aware of a cloudy shape which, little by little comes into focus: "It was a clenched Hand" (emphasis and capital "H" in the original). "I was alone in space, along with this huge, shadowy Hand, upon which the whole Universe of Matter lay like an unconsidered speck of dust. It seemed as though I watched it through vast periods of time. On the forefinger glittered a ring; and the universe from which I had come was but a spot of light upon the ring's curvature. And the thing that the hand gripped had the likeness of a black rod. Through a long eternity I watched this Hand, with the ring and the rod, marvelling and fearing and waiting helplessly...."

The Hand tightens on the rod; a ghostly phosphorescent sphere appears above it. "And then a voice, which seemed to run to the uttermost parts of space, spoke, saying, 'There will be no more pain.' At that an almost intolerable gladness and radiance rushed upon me..." The patient regains consciousness; the operation has been successful.

This summary does little justice to the incredible power of Wells's story, which reads like an authentic account of a mind-blowing mystical experience, but we recognise certain clearly archetypal themes which tie the Wells story to the Shawcross encounter. The healing spirit of Itzamna is most evident, for with the words "There will be no more pain" the patient finds himself cured in spirit as well as in body. There is Itzamna's father, the "remote and ineffable" Great Hand; and there is that mysterious rod which the spaceman was holding. Coincidence? Hardly!

Under the Knife may be found in H.G. Wells's COMPLETE SHORT STORIES and in the paperback SELECTED STORIES. Both are in print.

♥ The American Cover-Up

Compilation of original memoranda

Editor: Secret documentation of UFOs (Flying Saucers) was carried out by the US armed forces and CIA during the early 1950's. At the time, the public was not informed on their findings as the following memoranda indicate. Under the Freedom

of Information Act, secret documents can be made public after 25 years.

The documents we reproduce below indicate a speculative approach to the phenomenon, with the main emphasis on a threat to national security at the time. The reading is quite impressive, although, nowhere is there any indication that a UFO has been positively identified or captured. The centre of research appears to have been at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio - reckoned to be the secret location of an impounded UFO from the many reports emanating from the USA in the late 1940s and 1950s. The coincidence is noteworthy, but no proof is to be found in the papers. Perhaps there are still others - closely guarded or destroyed!

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary of Defence

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (Flying Saucers)

1. The IAC has reviewed the current situation concerning unidentified flying objects which have caused extensive speculation in the press and have been the subject for concern to Government organizations. The Air Force, within the limitations of manpower which could be devoted to the subject, has thus far carried the full responsibility for investigating and analyzing individual reports of sightings. Since 1947 approximately 1500 official reports of sightings have been received and, of these, about 20% are as yet unexplained.
2. It is my view and that of the IAC that this situation has possible implications for our national security with respect to the vulnerability of the U.S. to air attack. Intelligence, however, cannot discharge its responsibilities with regard to estimating the capabilities of an enemy to create and use such phenomena against the U.S. unless we first determine through scientific research whether or not such phenomena can in fact be generated and controlled by humans.
3. It is therefore recommended that the Department of Defence undertake an expanded scientific research program to reveal the nature of the various phenomena which are causing these sightings and means by which these phenomena may be identified immediately. It is also recommended that in such a project there be close co-operation between those conducting the research and scientific and technical intelligence research.

MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

FROM: Assistant Director, Office of Scientific Intelligence.

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

1. PROBLEM--To Determine; (a) Whether or not there are national security implications in the problem of "Unidentified Flying Objects"; (b) whether or not adequate study and research is currently being directed to this problem in its relation to such national security implications; and (c) what further investigation and research should be instituted, by whom, and under what aegis.
2. FACTS AND DISCUSSION---OSI has investigated the work currently being performed on "flying saucers" and found that the Air Technical Intelligence

Centre, DI, USAF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, is the only group devoting appreciable effort and study to this subject, that ATIC is concentrating on a case-by-case explanation of each report, and that this effort is not adequate to correlate, evaluate and resolve the situation on an overall basis. The current problem is discussed in detail in TAB A.

3. CONCLUSIONS--- "Flying saucers" pose two elements of danger which have national security implications. The first involves mass psychological considerations and the second concerns the vulnerability of the United States to air attack. Both factors are amplified in TAB A.

4. ACTION RECOMMENDED---(a) That the Director of Central Intelligence advise the National Security Council of the implications of the "Flying saucer" problem and request that research be initiated. TAB B is a draft memorandum to the NSC for the DCI's signature. (b) That the DCI discuss this subject with the Psychological Strategy Board. A memorandum to the Director, Psychological Strategy Board, is attached for signature as TAB C. (c) That CIA, with the co-operation of PSB and other interested departments and agencies, develop and recommend for adoption by the NSC a policy of public information which will minimize concern and possible panic resulting from the numerous sightings of unidentified objects.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

1. Recently an inquiry was conducted by the Office of Scientific Intelligence to determine whether there are national security implications in the problem of "unidentified flying objects," i.e. Flying saucers; whether adequate study and research is currently being directed to this problem in its relation to such national security implications; and what further investigation and research should be instituted, by whom, and under what aegis.

2. It was found that the only unit of Government currently studying the problem is the Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, which has charged the Air Technical Intelligence Centre (ATIC) with responsibility for investigating the reports of sightings. At ATIC there is a group of three officers and two secretaries to which come, through official channels, all reports of sightings. This group conducts investigation of the reports, consulting as required with other Air Force and civilian technical personnel. A world-wide reporting system has been instituted and major Air Force Bases have been ordered to make interceptions of unidentified flying objects. The research is being conducted on a case basis and is designed to provide a satisfactory explanation of each individual sighting. ATIC has concluded an arrangement with Battelle Memorial Institute for the latter to establish a machine indexing system for official reports of sightings.

3. Since 1947, ATIC has received approximately 1500 official reports of sightings plus an enormous volume of letters, phone calls and press reports. During July 1952 alone, official reports totaled 250. Of the 1500 reports, Air Force carries 20 percent as unexplained and of those received from January through July 1952 it carries 28 percent unexplained.

4. In its inquiry into this problem, a team from CIA's Office of Scientific

Intelligence consulted with a representative of Air Force Special Studies Group; discussed the problem with those in charge of the Air Force Project at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; reviewed a considerable volume of intelligence reports, checked the Soviet press and broadcast indices; and conferred with three CIA consultants, who have broad knowledge of the technical areas concerned.

5. It was found that the ATIC study is probably valid if the purpose is limited to a case-by-case explanation. However, that study does not solve the more fundamental aspects of the problem. These aspects are to determine definitely the nature of the various phenomena which are causing these sightings, and to discover means by which these causes, and their visual or electronic effects may be identified immediately. The CIA consultants stated that these solutions would probably be found on the margins or just beyond the frontiers of our present knowledge in the fields of atmospheric, ionospheric, and extraterrestrial phenomena, with the added possibility that the present dispersal of nuclear waste products might also be a factor. They recommended that a study group be formed to perform three functions:

- a. Analyze and systematize the factors which constitute the fundamental problem:
- b. Determine the fields of fundamental science which must be investigated in order to reach an understanding of the phenomena involved; and
- c. Make recommendations for the initiation of appropriate research.

Dr. Julius A. Stratton, Vice President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has indicated to CIA that such a group could be constituted at that Institute. Similarly, Project Lincoln, the Air Force's air defense project at MIT, could be charged with some of these responsibilities.

6. The flying saucer situation contains two elements of danger which, in a situation of international tension, have national security implications. These are:

- a. Psychological - With world-wide sightings reported, it was found that, up to the time of the investigation, there had been in the Soviet press no report or comment, even satirical, on flying saucers, though Gromyko had made one humorous mention of the subject. With a State-controlled press, this could result only from an official policy decision. The question, therefore, arises as to whether or not these sightings:
 1. could be controlled,
 2. could be predicted, and
 3. could be used from a psychological warfare point of view, either offensively or defensively.

The public concern with the phenomena, which is reflected both in the United States press and in the pressure of inquiry upon the Air Force, indicates that a fair proportion of our population is mentally conditioned to the acceptance of the incredible. In this fact lies the potential for the touching-off mass hysteria and panic.

- b. Air Vulnerability - The United States Air Warning System will undoubtedly always depend upon a combination of radar screening and visual

observation. The U.S.S.R. is credited with the present capability of delivering an air attack against the United States, yet at any given moment now, there may be current a dozen official unidentified sightings plus many unofficial ones. At any moment of attack, we are now in a position where we cannot, on an instant basis, distinguish hardware from phantom, and as tension mounts we will run the increased risk of false alerts and the even greater danger of falsely identifying the real as phantom.

7. Both of these problems are primarily operational in nature but each contains readily apparent intelligence factors.

8. From an operational point of view, three actions are required:

- a. Immediate steps should be taken to improve identification of both visual and electronic phantom so that, in the event of an attack, instant and positive identification of enemy planes or missiles can be made.
- b. A study should be instituted determining what, if any, utilization could be made of these phenomena by United States psychological warfare planners and what, if any, defenses should be planned in anticipation of Soviet attempts to utilize them.
- c. In order to minimize risk of panic, a national policy should be established as to what should be told the public regarding the phenomena.

9. Other intelligence problems which require determination are:

- a. The present level of Soviet knowledge regarding these phenomena.
- b. Possible Soviet intentions and capabilities to utilize these phenomena to the detriment of United States security interests.
- c. The reasons for silence in the Soviet press regarding flying saucers.

10. Additional research, differing in character and emphasis from that presently being performed by Air Force, will be required to meet the specific needs of both operations and intelligence. Intelligence responsibilities in this field as regards both collection and analysis can be discharged with maximum effectiveness only after much more is known regarding the exact nature of these phenomena.

11. I consider this problem to be of such importance that it should be brought to the attention of the National Security Council in order that a community-wide co-ordinated effort towards its solution may be initiated.

MEETING OF OSI ADVISORY GROUP ON UFO

January 14 thru 17, 1953

At. 0945 on January 14, 1953 an ad hoc panel of scientific consultants was convened to review the "Unidentified Flying Objects", problem. A detailed statement of the problem presented to the group by CIA is attached as Appendix A.

A final report on the results of the meeting is being prepared, but it is believed that the following is a fair statement of the conclusions reached:

1. No evidence is available to indicate any physical threat to the security of the United States.
2. No evidence is available to indicate the existence or use of any as yet unknown (to us) fundamental scientific principles.
3. The subject UFO is not of direct intelligence interest. It is of indirect intelligence interest only insofar as any knowledge about the innumerable unsolved mysteries of the universe are of intelligence interest.
4. The subject "UFO" is of operational interest for three reasons:
 - (a) Interference with air defense by intentional enemy jamming or by lack of ability on the part of operating personnel to discriminate between radar anomalies and actual airborne weapons
 - (b) Related to (a), interference with air defense by overloading communications from the air defense observation stations.
 - (c) Possibly of a psychological offensive by the enemy timed with respect to an actual attack could conceivably seriously reduce the defense effort of the general public.

It is noted that these general conclusions as stated here do not specifically answer the needs presented in Appendix A. However, it is anticipated that comment on these points will be presented in a written statement from the scientific panel to AD/SI

FLYING SAUCERS

During the past weeks, with the phenomenal increase in the number of Flying Saucer Reports, there has been a tremendous stimulation of both public and official interest in the subject. Requests for information have poured in on the Air Force, including an official query from the White House. Finally, on July 29, General Samford held a press conference in which he stated, that analysis showed "no pattern of anything remotely consistent with any menace to the United States;" that recent Washington sightings were possibly due to "temperature inversions," others to ionized clouds, ice formations, etc., that instrumentation would be emphasized henceforth in the Air Force study. He emphatically stated that the unexplained sightings could, ^{not} have resulted from any experiments or tests conducted by the United States.

At this point, OSI felt that it would be timely to make an evaluation of the Air Force study, its methodology and coverage, the relation of its conclusions to various theories which have been propounded, and to try to reach some conclusion as to the intelligence implications of the problem - if any. In view of the wide interest within the Agency, this briefing has been arranged so that we could report on the survey. (It must be mentioned that outside knowledge of Agency interest in Flying Saucers carries the risk of making the problem even more serious in the public mind than it already is, which we and Air Force agree must be avoided.)

(In order to supply both breadth and depth to the survey we have reviewed our own intelligence, going back to the Swedish sightings of 1946;) reviewed a large number of individual official reports, recent press and magazine

coverage and the main popular books. Indexes of the Soviet press were scanned. We interviewed a representative of Air Force Special Study Group. Following this, we spent a day at Wright Field in a thorough discussion with the officers conducting the ATIC study, and finally we took the problem to a selected group of our own consultants, all leaders in their scientific fields.

From all this, we have come up with facts, theories, explanations and some conclusions, which we will cover in a brief summary of Flying Saucer history, an analysis of the ATIC work, and a discussion of the unidentified objects. Planes had orders not to shoot.

Now, let's examine for a moment what all these people claim to have seen. Grouped broadly as visual, radar, and combined visual and radar, ATIC has two major visual classes - first, spherical or elliptical objects, usually of bright metallic lustre, some small (two or three feet across), most estimated at 100 feet diameter and a few thousand feet wide. There are variants in this group such as torpedoes, triangulars, pencils, even mattress-shapes. These are all daylight reportings.

The second visual group, all night reporting, consists of lights and various luminosities, such as green, flamingo red or blue-white fireballs, moving points of light and luminous streamers.

Both categories are reported as single objects in non-symmetrical groups and in formations of varying numbers.

Reported characteristics include three general levels of speed; hovering; moderate; as with a conventional aircraft; and stupendous, up to 18,000 m.p.h. in the White Sands incident. Violent maneuvering was reported in some what less than 10%. Accelerations have been given as high as 20 g's. With few exceptions there has been a complete absence of sound or vapour trail. Evasion upon approach is common.

Radars have shown many unidentified "blips" but there is no reported incidents of complete tracking in and out of the maximum drum, and no report of a track from station to station. The blip in almost every case, pass through the centre of the scope.

In combined visual and radar sightings, I might mention, as illustrations three x specific reports.

First, a visual sighting from a plane over Sandy Hook coincident with a blip seen on a ground radar at Fort Monmouth New Jersey

Second, a recent far east report from an aircraft carrier operating between southern Korea and Honshu. Here ships radar reported a high speed target approaching from the north. Observers from the bridge, picked it up visually as a plane. When still far out, it did a super-speed 180° turn and shortly there-after split in two, disappearing both visually and in the PPI scopes.

The third occurred a few days ago at Wright Field and has not yet been fully analysed. Two F/94's with camera guns were vectored in on a blip. Both pilots sighted an object and one locked on with his A1 equipment. Reaching his maximum allowable altitude, he triggered his camera and the negative shows "an object".

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enormous volume of letters, phone calls and press reports. During this July alone, official reports totalled 250. Of the 1500, ATIC carries 20% as unexplained and of those received since the first of this year 28%.

Now to shift away from the Air Force for a moment and into the public domain, there are four major theories in explanation of the flying saucer.

First, that it is a US secret weapon development. This has been denied officially at the highest level of Government and to make doubly certain we queried Dr. Whitman, Chairman of the Research and Development Board. On a Top Secret basis, he, too, denies it. However, in the light of the Manhattan district early super security two factors might be mentioned, which tend to confirm the denials - first, the official action of alerting all Air Force commands to intercept, and second, the unbelievable risk aspect of such flights in established air lanes.

The second theory is that these are a Russian development. Though we know the Russians have done work on elliptical and delta wing principals, we have absolutely no intelligence of such a technological advance as would be indicated here in either design or energy source. Further, there seems to be no logical reason for the security risk which would be involved and there has been no indication of a reconnaissance pattern. However, it should be mentioned that there is a totally unsupported thesis that this may be a Russian high altitude development of the World War II Jap balloon effort using pre-set flares and the resulting US press reports to check flight tracks.

The third theory is the man from Mars-space ships- interplanetary travellers. Even though we might admit that intelligent life may exist elsewhere and that space travel is possible, there is no shred of evidence to support this theory at present. There have been no astronomical observations in confirmation - no slightest indication of the orbiting which would probably be necessary - and no tracking. However, it might be noted that Comdr. McLaughlin (of the White Sands report), a number of General Mills balloon people and many others are reported to be convinced of this theory.

The fourth major theory is that, now held by the Air Force, that the sightings given adequate data, can be explained on the basis either of:

Misinterpretation of known objects, or of as yet little understood natural phenomena.

So much for the history of the problem.

Subliminal Images

The Editor.

A startling new phenomenon has recently come to light by virtue of the television screen. It is possible to flash a single image across a TV broadcast, which is undetectable to the human eye, but could be spotted by a slow replay on a video recorder. The message might only appear on one or two frames of a film and because of the "persistence of vision" effect the human eye cannot differentiate between more than 12 frames per second and a modern UHF television transmits at 25 frames per second.

It is now established that a Subliminal Image can be transmitted to the subconscious mind and if this takes the form of an advertisement or warning such as 'Do Not Shoplift' the result is an increase in sales of a product or a reduction in shoplifting as the case maybe. A more frightening possibility is that people could be literally "brain-washed" without having the slightest notion of what was happening. At the time of writing Mr. Norris McWhirter, is suing the satirical programme "Spitting Image" because they produced an obscene puppet caricature of him on a flash frame.

I am raising this subject because it may have a possible connection with UFOs'. Certain aspects of the UFO enigma such as dematerialisation, appearance in dreams etc., could indicate some witnesses may have seen UFOs' as instantaneous flash frames and these have registered in the mind but not in the eye. Given that UFOs have the capability of moving at speeds greater than we can contemplate - possibly up to the speed of light - then one object could traverse a plain of vision and be gone in something like 1/100 of a second. The witness would not knowingly have seen anything, but at some stage an image might register from outside the subconscious mind. The more "psychic" witness possibly is able to release this store of images whereas the average witness holds them dormant.

Would any reader having further information or theories on SUBLIMINAL IMAGES please write in as soon as possible.

♡ Astronomy Notes 1986

by G.E. Ambler

The annual compilation of the movements of the five brightest planets is set out below. Investigators should check the chart overleaf to establish whether a particular planet can be seen during given months.

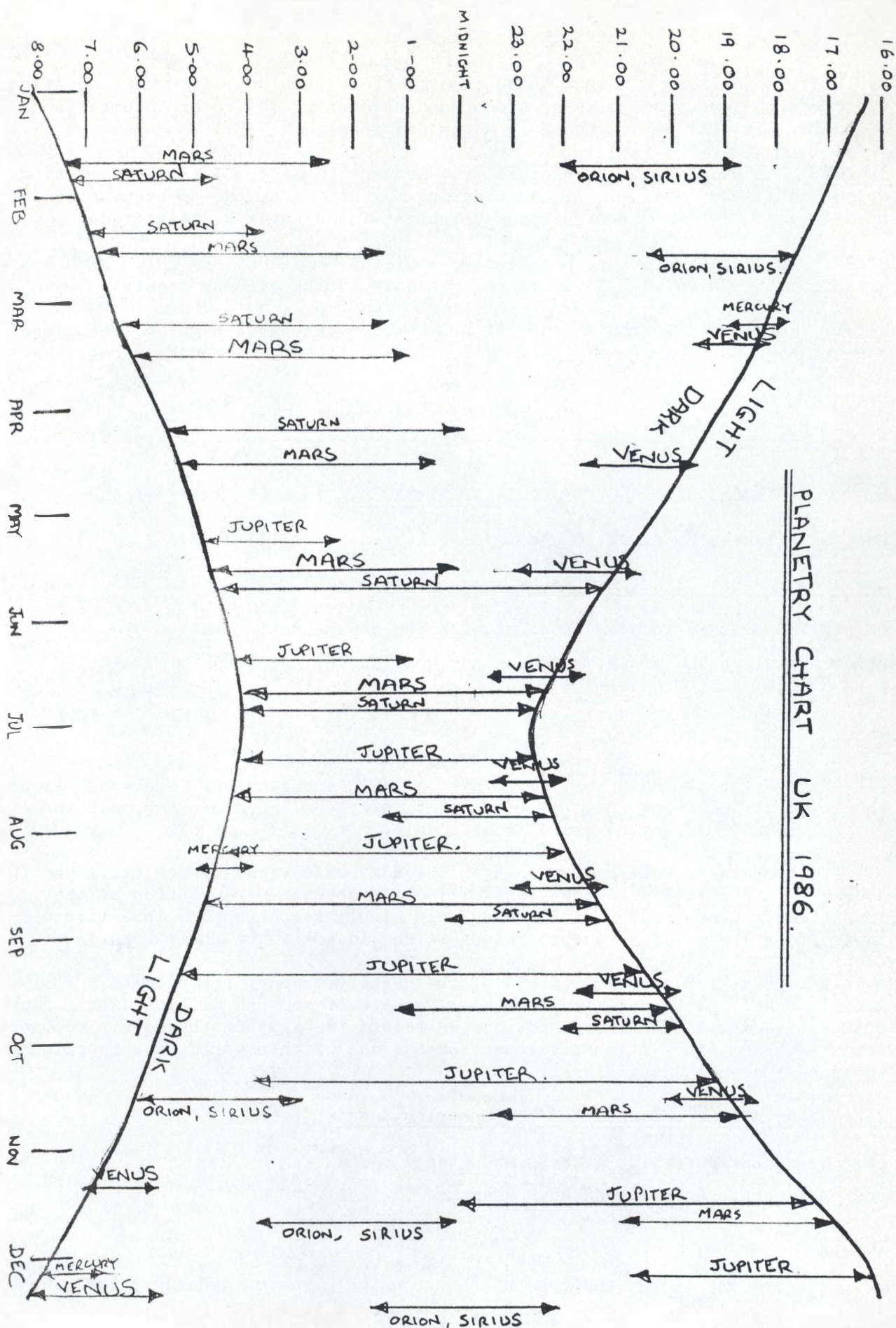
In 1986, Mars will become very bright in the Summer months reaching its opposition on July 10th, Venus can be seen in the early evening from March to October, becoming a morning object during November and December. The sightings of Halley's comet will only be applicable in the southern hemisphere until May. (The earlier predicted sightings of November-December 1985 were virtually a non-event in the UK.)

Individual Movements:

Mercury: This planet is always difficult to see as it is very close to the sun and can only be spotted just at dawn or sunset in a very low sky in the direction of the sun. During 1986, it will be possible to see Mercury at sunset in early March and at sunrise in mid-August and early December. If seen, it is quite bright.

Venus: The brightest planet will be seen in the early evening from March to October steadily becoming brighter. It is then seen as a morning object in November and December becoming a brilliant -4.7 magnitude at the end of the year.

Mars: After two years as a faint object, Mars becomes very bright in the Summer months. It is visible after midnight from January to May, all night from June to August, and in the evening from September to November. The bright period is between June and October with a maximum magnitude of -2.4 in July, when the full red colour should be seen.



JUPITER: Appears as a bright white object before dawn only from May, becoming visible all night from July to October and an evening object in November and December. It will be brightest in August at magnitude - 2.4

SATURN: The planet will be visible from January to September being a morning object until May; visible all night during May and June, and an evening object from July to September. It becomes brightest in May at + 0.2 magnitude.

STARS: The brightest stars and Nebulae - SIRIUS, PLEIADES and ORION NEBULA are seen from the UK between November and February during evening viewing.

Note. "Magnitude" is the measure of brightness - the more negative the number the brighter the object. (Notes compiled from Astronomy Yearbook by Patrick Moore).

CLASSICAL CASES

Response figures to cases 15 and 16 (see Awareness Vol.13 No.3)

Case No.15 Roswell New Mexico USA

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| (a) A UFO crashed and was captured with its occupants | 50% |
| (b) Possibly a UFO crash, evidence not conclusive | 25% |
| (c) Hoax | 25% |

Comments

-----Very few real facts seem to be available in these cases. One would assume that even officials may have kept artifacts of the alleged crashes, but very little, if indeed, any hardware is available.

-----I think these well known cases in the USA S. America, France etc., and indeed here stand or fall on the integrity and respectable reputation of the Investigators involved - in this case many highly respected UFO investigators in America were involved and therefore we should not doubt their word.

-----I am really surprised to read of the negative reader reaction to the Roswell case. (Editorial Vol.13 No.4). Perhaps if you had mentioned that four of the five retired officers had gone on record to say that the debris recovered from that farm was - figuratively at least - out of this world, the reaction would have been a bit different.

Case No.16 Close Encounter on the Cambrian Coast

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| (a) Close Encounter IV. Witness Abducted | 75% |
| (d) Deliberate Hoax for Unknown Reasons | 25% |

Comment

On first reading it was the type of report which gives me goose pimples! Why the sudden journey? To have shown the planets on a journey out of the Solar System would have shown an odd route.

The response form system has now been operating for about three years and has proved a successful means of producing our own UFO "opinion poll". However, the number of response forms now being returned seems to be petering out or they are arriving at such protracted intervals that the final figures have been tabulated and published while forms are still arriving.

It seems that it needs at least 6 months after publication to receive the full quota of responses, therefore it is proposed to republish data for cases 11-16 in a future Awareness and withhold new cases until a later date. If you are still in receipt of response forms covering the last six cases, Data Research would be pleased to hear from you on any or all of them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Ref. article -Alaska Sighting Special Report pages 12/13 Issue 1 1984/5

With regard to the above mentioned article, the following may be of interest.

After reading this item I was doubtful as to its reliability, and was recently able to show the article to a possible source close to the USAF.

I have a relative by marriage who is an electronic weapons officer with the Canadian Air Force, this officer is involved in high level N.A.T.O weapons development. The following observations were made:-

1. The US Airforce jet fighter an F 15 is a very modern aircraft and is not suitable for spy work as insinuated in the article and this aircraft would not be sent into Soviet airspace. The F 15 is a combat plane.
2. The USAF would not have a civilian pilot (CIA or otherwise) in this aircraft. The pilot would be an American Airforce Officer.
3. The so-called recording from the pilot when the UFO was sighted—this type of language would not be used by an American Airforce Officer, the language used, my relative described as being English and not American.
- 4 The pilot stated a laser had been fired at him and that he could feel the heat. I was told this was not possible, the pilot would feel no heat.
5. In the last paragraph, it is stated the laser beam was photographed by a satellite this is not possible according to my relative. It is also stated that the laser beam was fired in an arc at the aircraft, laser light does not travel in arcs but in straight lines.

Trusting the above to be of some interest.

Alan O'Dell, Bottesford, Nottingham.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the news on sightings in the Oxford area! Yes, you have our

permission to feature the Pielinen Lake case in a magazine of yours.

Unfortunately we have no further information on the case. It remains as much a mystery as it was before.

Please send us a copy of the magazine in which you publish our story.

When you do publish the story, perhaps you could also tell your audience something of our organization. The UFO Research of Finland was founded in 1973 and we have about 70 members. We hold four or five meetings a year to evaluate sighting reports.

Our Address. The UFO RESEARCH OF FINLAND., 17950 Kylama, Finland.

POSSIBLE ABDUCTION ON PIELINEN LAKE.

After a long quiet period the UFO Research of Finland now has some interesting news to report. As the Finnish UFO Researchers were gathering for their annual summer seminar at Kylama, in Central Finland, something extraordinary took place on Pielinen Lake in Eastern Finland.

It all started on July 31, 1981 at 8.40 p.m when two 35 year old vacationing men were sailing with their motor boat toward the town of Lieksa. They were passing the Vaaraniemi Cape covered by evergreen trees when they suddenly saw a black sphere in the sky. The sphere was surrounded by one large light and several smaller ones. The large light began to approach them and the men stopped the boat. Now a black object was separated from the group of lights and flew to the stern of the boat. The object seemed to be covered by a fog and there were two lights on it. Suddenly one of the men was paralyzed and could not move his head. However, they continued to converse with one another. Then the lights and the black object disappeared in the sky. Now the men noticed that they were not sitting at the same location on the boat as they were a moment ago. The sky was clear and the boat was still near the Cape despite the strong water currents and the wind. The men glanced at their watches. The time was 4.10 a.m. on the following morning. They had lost in excess of 6 hours of their lives. As after-effect they suffered from shaking hands, nightmares and a derailed sense of balance for over a week.

After a week of these effects, they contacted the famous astronomers Juhani Kyrolainen and Pekka Teerikorpi (Authors of a UFO book) at Helsinki University. Since then the astronomers have conducted extensive studies including two unsuccessful attempts to hypnotize the men. So far it is only known that the phenomenon was not a meteorite and not a Russian rocket launch.

The studies are continuing in collaboration with the UFO Research of Finland and new results are expected next year.

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